(c) Such Cable TV Networks both with or without dish-antenna systems have been set up in the country by private agencies.

(d) and (e) A normal TV receiving set linked to a cable TV network supported by appropriately designed dish-antenna system can receive the TV signals from a foreign satellite, so long as location of the network falls within the foot-print of the satellite. However, as per the existing law and the instructions issued thereunder, licences for establishment of Dish-Antenna systems are issued to receive TV signal from Indian satellite only.

Poverty alleviation proposals in Tamil Nadu

1529. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the new proposals that are going to implemented during the years 1991-92 in Tamil Nadu to uplift people living below the poverty line; and

(b) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) In the Central Sector, only the on-going poverty alleviation schemes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) in rural areas, and Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) in urban areas are going to continue during the year 1991-92.

Officer of non-resident Indian to establish mineral water plant in Himachal Pradesh

1530. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a non-resident Indian had approached Government with a offer to establish a mineral water plant in Himachal Pradesh:

(b) if so, the details of the offer and the present position of the case: and

(c) the action taken by Government so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) An application for the grant of Letter of Intent for the setting up of an unit under the 100 per cent Export Oriented Scheme for the manufacture of PET/PVC bottles and LDPE caps, treatment, processing and bottling of mineral water, duly capped, packed and palletised for export for an annual capacity of 1460 lakh bottles in Tehsil & District Solan in the State of Himachal Pradesh, has been received from an Indian Company namely Himalayan Pure Waterhouse Ltd., New Delhi. The proposal has been approved and the applicant party has been issued a Letter of Intent on 15-5-1991.

Manufacturing of crystal salt in Rann of Kutch

1531. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the method of manufacturing crystal salt in the Rann of Kutch is still primitive even after four decades of Independence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that working condition of the actual salt manufacturer is poor and welfare activities for them are nil; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the working conditions of workers engaged in the manufacture of salt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Salt is manufactured in the Rann of Kutch by solar evaporation of sub-soil brine. The method of manufacturing salt in the Rann of Kutch has much improved during the last four decades.

(b) Government has been extending financial assistance out of cess proceeds for labour welfare amenities to the la-

bourers and their families engaged in the licensed sector.

(c) Does not arise.

Food testing laboratories

1532. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food testing laboratories spread all over the country are ill-equipped and manned by unqualified staff; if so, the reasons thereof; and

(b) the number of such laboratories at present and the remedial steps being taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Privatisation of Indian Petro-chemicals Ltd.

1533. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Economic Times' of the 19th January, 1991 regarding proposed partial privatisation of Indian Petro-chemicals Limited; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) what are the reasons for the partial privatisation of IPCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Government have seen the news item in question. No decision has been taken on any privatisation of IPCL.

(b) Does not arise.

AIR station at Asansol

1534. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a representation dated 16th February, 1991 from Chamber of Commerce, Durgapur for the installation of a full-fledged station of All India Radio as Asansol;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. The Durgapur Chamber of Commerce has sent a representation for setting up of Radio Station at Durgapur.

(b) A decision has already been taken by the Government to locate the radio station at Durgapur.

(c) Asansol-Durgapur Development Authority has been approached to allot a suitable piece of land to All India Radio for the proposed station.

Telecast of the serial 'Home Sapiens'

1535. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that financial sanction was accorded for the production of TV serial titled HOMO SAPIENS in Hindi consisting of six episodes;

(b) whether the first episode of the serial was submitted to the Doordarshan on 24th January, 1991 and the second on 2nd February, 1991;

(c) whether it is also a fact that necessary editing, cuts etc. were incorporated by the producer as demanded by the Doordarshan;